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Applicants: Bailey et al. 09/418,649 Serial No.: Examiner: H. Pratt Filed: October 15, 1999 Art Unit: 1761 For: FOOD AND VITAMIN PREPARATIONS Batch No.: W40 CONTAINING THE NATURAL ISOMER

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Dear Sir:

Status as a small entity was established in good faith in the above-identified patent application. On March 15, 2001, applicants paid the issue fee as a small entity in good faith in the above-identified patent application. Subsequent to payment of the issue fee, it was discovered that, through applicants' undersigned attorney's error, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office was not notified, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(b), of a change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status.

Applicants hereby request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(c), that the error be excused. Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge \$620.00 to applicants' undersigned attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0772, this sum being equal to the difference between the "non small entity" issue fee (\$1240.00) and the amount that applicants paid for the "small entity" issue fee on March 15, 2001 (\$620.00).

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